

Adoption/Guardianship Subsidy

What does this program do?

The adoption subsidy is designed to encourage potential adoptive parents to adopt children with special needs by providing financial assistance. The program also provides financial assistance to eligible relatives who become legal guardians. Relatives who qualify are grand-parents, aunts, uncles, adult siblings and first cousins.

What is its statutory base?

State: RSMo 453.005 - 453.170

Is this a federally mandated program?

Yes.

What is the funding?

State Fiscal Year	General Revenue	Federal	Other	Total
2001	\$31.3 mil	\$10.9 mil	\$0	\$42.2 mil
2002	\$34.2 mil	\$13.6 mil	\$0	\$47.8 mil
2003	\$33.2 mil	\$13.2 mil	\$0	\$46.4 mil
2004	\$42.0 mil	\$18.1 mil	\$0	\$60.1 mil*

*Increase between 2003 and 2004 was caused by caseload growth.

What are the sources of the non-general revenue funds?

IV-E Federal Funds

Who is eligible?

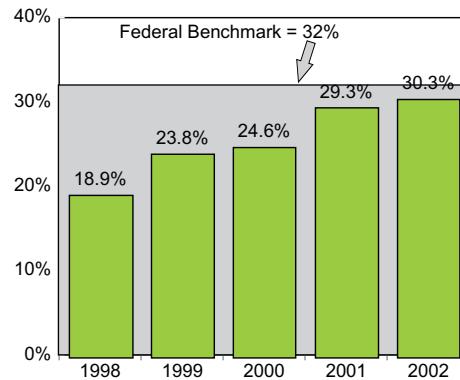
Children who are in the care and custody of the Children's Division, Division of Youth Services or the Department of Mental Health.

How many children are in final adoptive placement or final guardianship placement?

	Adoptive Placement	Guardianship Placement
June 2000	8,169	213
June 2001	8,779	638
June 2002	9,983	1,202
June 2003	11,208	1,664

What percent of children achieve permanency through adoption in less than 24 months?

Children That Achieve Permanency Through Adoption in Less Than 24 Months



Out of 49 state, Missouri ranks 17th highest in percent of children adopted in less than 24 months. Below is how Missouri compares to surrounding states.

Percent of Children Adopted Within 24 Months for Surrounding States, FFY-2000

